

PRAISING GEN. FRENCH.

While Conceding That His Victory Has Little of Importance In It.

IS HEAP MUCH BIG MAN

Because He Wasn't Fool Enough to Storm an Impregnable Place.

MOST SALUTARY EFFECT

Produced on the British Mind After the Long String of Defeats.

UNIMPORTANT SKIRMISHES.

Little Fights Between Small Forces With Varying Results Active Campaign Being Made By Both Sides Latest From the Seat Of the War.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] London, Jan. 2.—General French officially reports the occupation of Colesburg, this morning. He says: At 3:30 Sunday morning, after a night's march, I occupied a kopje overlooking west Colesburg. The enemy's outposts were completely surprised. I shelled the Boer laager, the enemy replying vigorously, but later being silenced, he retired northward where he occupied a hill. The Boers were also southeast of Colesburg toward the junction. Our position cuts the enemy's line of retreat via the road bridge. A force of one thousand Boers with two guns is reported to be retreating to Norval Point, on the Orange river. Our casualties were three killed and several wounded. While it was recognized that French's success is not one of vital importance, materially, the cheering effect of it is salutary after depression caused by the string of British defeats. The military experts unite in praising General French's operations, dwelling particularly upon the rapidity with which he moved and the fact that he did not attempt to storm an impregnable position.

NEW MATERIAL. London, Jan. 2.—A dispatch to the Telegram from Pretoria says that since the Boers have been using a new material, the assumption is that the Boers' older material have been beneath a SKIRMISH.

tasty in Jan. 1.—(Delayed.)—is cony's had a skirmish with the yesterday, near the Fugeler. The British suffered no loss, but Boers had several casualties. The army attaches have returned after spending the holidays at the sea.

REPORTED VICTORY. Capetown, Jan. 2.—Lieutenant Colonel Plicher has defeated a Boer commando of thirty, thirty miles northwest of the Orange river on the Cape railway. His official report says he took forty prisoners. The British had two killed and one injured.

MADE FRIENDS. Paris, Jan. 2.—The Gaulois says the seizure of the German steamer, Bundsrath, by the British had added immensely to the pro-Boer agitation in Germany, and has also given a lift to the Kaiser's naval scheme.

TROOPS LANDED. Durban, Jan. 2.—Two transports have arrived here from Capetown and landed 3,000 troops.

JUST HOLDING ON. London, Jan. 2.—The Times in a second edition prints a special dispatch, which says that Gen. French is holding the Colesburg wagon bridge, but has not yet occupied the town. The Boers have been scattered from their positions.

FEVER INCREASING. London, Jan. 2.—A dispatch from Gen. White, at Ladysmith, says that fever and dysentery are increasing in the town.

SADDLES ABOARD. Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 30.—(Delayed.)—It is reported here that the contraband of war on the German steamer, Bundsrath, recently seized by the British, included 7,000 saddles for the Boers. It is reported from Pretoria that the Johannesburg commando has returned here to reorganize in consequence of its heavy losses. Three hundred men in this commando were sent to reinforce Commandant Cronje at Magerfontein.

A SCORCHER. London, Jan. 2.—Henry Labouchere, the liberal, has written a letter to a constituent in which he says: "I believe the war is just, but impolitic. We are obliged to fight so long as Transvaalers are in British territory, but when they are driven out of it, I trust we shall not continue war for the benefit of a crew of country mongers and speculators."

SOME PATRIOTS. London, Jan. 2.—Colonel Sir Charles Howard Vincent, commander of the queen's Westminister volunteers, who offered his services in the war, has been rejected after medical examination. The Leyland steamship line offers to take one hundred volunteers to South Africa free of charge.

And Without Canton Aid. Alliance Review: The speakership contest at Columbus seems to have completely overshadowed all others. Representative Snyder seems to have been very much more in evidence than some people thought he would, and

while he did not get the speakership, he was elected speaker pro tem, and will no doubt fare well as to the committees. Mr. Snyder has stepped up several notches in the public's estimation, and no doubt has a bright future.

ANOTHER BLANK

Drawn at Columbus By Stark County People In Legislative Halls.

Special to News-Democrat. Columbus, Jan. 2.—Stark county drew more blanks yesterday when more offices were filled. R. H. Tombaugh, of Alliance, drew a job as porter in the senate, a heavy position with small pay, but that is about all that can be credited to Stark.

SIGNAL CORPS SUFFERED LOSS.

Ten Men Who Are Probably In the Hands of Natives.

WERE SENT TO STRING WIRES

In a Part of Luzon That Has Been Reported to Have Been Pacified—Searching Party Fail to Find Them.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] Madrid, Jan. 2.—Ten members of the signal corps under Lieutenant Duffy have disappeared south of Vigan, and are believed to have been taken prisoners by the insurgents. The men were stringing a wire south of Vigan to connect with a party under Lieutenant Lenoir, who would construct the line northward. When Duffy's men failed to appear a search was made and it was discovered his wires had been cut and telegraph poles destroyed.

CALDWELL WANTS MORE SALARY.

Republican Extravagance Already Becoming Manifest.

A BILL IS TO BE INTRODUCED

To Give Boss Cox's Man More Money to Further the Interests of the Fellows Who Helped to Elect Him.

Special to News-Democrat. Columbus, Jan. 2.—The Republicans in the legislature are starting right in to increase the expenses of the state administration. Not content with being elected at the salaries that have been paid to predecessors increases are now asked for.

The proposed bill for an increase in the salary of Lieutenant Governor Caldwell from \$300 to \$2,500 per year will probably be introduced in the legislature tomorrow.

The Democrats are said to be determined on making a strong fight against the passage of the bill. The legal point has been raised as to whether or not the proposed increase in the salary could be made applicable to the term of Caldwell, even though the Republicans succeeded in securing its passage. Lawyers in the legislature say that when Caldwell was elected he made a contract with the state to serve on a salary of \$300 per year and that it is impossible for him now to secure the increase.

The plan of the Democratic opposition to the salary bill is said to lead it down with amendments providing for an increase in the salaries of all the state officers, from the governor down. The absurdity of the thing, they hope, will kill the measure.

SALARY RAISED. Columbus, Jan. 2.—In the senate this morning, a bill increasing the salary of the lieutenant governor from \$300 to \$1,800. It was passed by a vote of 25 to 2.

TREATY WITH SPAIN.

Clauses Are Being Approved at Madrid and Document Is Being Completed.

News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] Madrid, Jan. 2.—The counsel of state has approved thirty-four clauses in the draft of a new American treaty of friendship, commerce and extradition. The clause relating to the last will embrace a greater number of crimes than the old convention.

ORGANIZED.

Trump Abstract Company Elects Directors and Other Officers.

The Trump Abstract company which was incorporated some time since, has officially organized and commences business in the new year with the most flattering prospects. The company is successor to the abstract firm of Trump & Oberly and succeeds to the exhaustive records of Stark county real estate that represents years of unremitting and painstaking toil. The company elected the following officers: president, Henry A. Trump; vice-president, Charles A. Dougherty; secretary, treasurer and manager, Charles L. Oberly; L. A. Lolchot, O. M. Coxen. The company will retain its offices in the Eagle block.

ASSEMBLING OF CONGRESS

Will Again Bring to the Front Some Important National Issues.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Will Form the Work of the Committees Early In the Week.

THE QUAY CONTESTED CASE

Will Be Among the Matters That Will Be Under Consideration.

CUDGEL FOR SECRETARY GAGE

Resolutions Will Be Introduced Inquiring Why He Has Placed Certain Favors With Banks in New York—House Appropriation Bill.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] Washington, Jan. 2.—When congress reassembles tomorrow the real work of the session will begin. Meetings have been called of most of the important committees, and the consideration of the principle bills that have been introduced will begin this week. The Quay contested case and the currency bill will come up early. The discussion of the Philippine policy and the Samoan treaty will probably form a text for a talk on the general foreign policy of the country. In the house the great appropriation bills will be among the first to be considered. It is not likely that much business will be transacted in the house before next Monday, because few of the committees are yet organized.

Resolutions, calling on the secretary of the treasury for information on the subject of placing government funds in certain banks in New York, will be introduced and may provoke some discussion this week.

AFTER NATURAL GAS COMPANY.

Plaintiff in a Lawsuit Enumerates His Complaints.

FAMILY NEARLY ASPHYXIATED.

Says the Company Turned On the Gas and Caused Doctor's Bills, Killed a Canary Bird and Inflicted Other Damages.

John Reinhart is after the East Ohio Gas Co. with a law suit in which he claims \$1,000 damages. The petition was filed Tuesday by Attorneys Bothwell and Raedel. The plaintiff claims that the East Ohio Gas Co. put in the pipes at his house for natural gas and that the job was not well done and that when they turned on the gas on the evening of November 9, the pipes leaked and came near asphyxiating the whole family. The plaintiff says that by reason of the members of the family inhaling the gas they were poisoned and have been sick ever since. He says that his wife, his daughter and his son have all been laid up, that he has lost their services and been compelled to pay out cash for doctor bills. Furthermore, the gas killed his canary bird outright and this, he says, was worth \$5. For all of this injury he claims \$1,000 damages.

C. D. BACHTEL HAS RETIRED.

New Cashier Elected For the George D. Harter Bank.

OTHER BANKS ELECT OFFICERS

Old Boards Put in Again in Nearly Every Instance, the Change First Noted Being About the Only One to Record.

A number of the local banks held their annual elections Monday. All of them declared dividends and reorganized for the coming year's business. The most important change was made in the staff of the George D. Harter bank. A new face is back of the cashier's desk there today, Mr. Corwin Bachtel, who has been cashier for several years was deposed and Mr. E. E. Mack, chief teller, was elected to the place. Mr. Bachtel has retired from the service of the bank.

The corps of officials and directors elected was as follows: Ferdinand Herbruck, president; H. W. Harter, vice president; E. E. Mack, cashier; Mrs. Elizabeth Harter, H. W. Harter, F. Herbruck, H. R. Jones and Austin Lynch, directors. A semi-annual dividend of two per cent. was declared. The Dime Savings bank stockholders

re-elected the old board in its entirety as follows: Directors—F. E. Case, L. A. Lolchot, Julius Whiting, Jr., W. J. Poyser, O. M. Coxen, W. H. Smith, J. F. T. Walker, Henry A. Wise, Andrew Pontius, Jacob I. Piper. The officers are F. E. Case, president; Henry A. Wise, vice president; Jacob I. Piper, secretary and treasurer. A semi-annual dividend of three per cent. was declared.

The Farmer's bank re-elected its old board and officers as follows: William Dannmiller, president; H. G. McDowell, vice president; A. C. McDowell, cashier; A. M. McCarty and F. M. Fast as additional directors. The bank had earnings last year of 8 per cent. Half of this was used for other purposes and a dividend of 4 per cent. declared.

MANY CAUSES ON FOR TRIAL.

Big List For the Court and Jury to Dispose Of.

AN ALLIANCE DIVORCE CASE.

East End Woman Wants to Be Separated From Her Husband—Administrator Wants Leave to Sell—Court Notes.

Deputy Clerk of Courts J. A. Bliss on Tuesday completed the listing of the cases marked for trial at the coming January term of court. The attorneys have been sending in notices all week of cases they want tried and when the list was made up Tuesday morning it was found that there were 157 law suits to be heard at the coming session. Sixty-six of these will be tried to a jury and ninety-one will be heard by the court. Judge McCarty expects to put 50 cases on the assignment the first week and the civil suits will be rushed through in a hurry this time to get ready to take up the Henderson murder trial.

WANTS TO SELL. David Owen, administrator of Hannah Owen, has filed a petition in court for power to sell the real estate of the deceased to settle the claims against it. He says that Elizabeth Miller has a mortgage of \$200 and that the costs of administering the estate will be \$100 more. The property consists of lots 1219 and 1220 in the city of Canton. Harry Owen and the other heirs are made defendants to the suit. H. B. Webber is attorney for the plaintiff.

DIVORCE ASKED. Gertrude B. Quinlin of Alliance, wants a divorce from her husband Dennis N. Quinlin. In her petition filed by Fording and Harris she says they were married in February 1898. Very shortly after the wedding she says he began to get drunk and come home to abuse her. It finally got so bad that the following January she took their child and left him. Now she wants a divorce alimony and the custody of the child.

ANSWER FILED. In the case of John Bean vs. Sarah M. Abbott, the defendant has filed an answer in court through Dickey, Weaver and McGowan, of Cleveland, in which she denies the jurisdiction of the court under the summons that was served while she was in New York state was not according to law and the court is asked to make it void as against her in the controversy.

THE WORKHOUSE GUARDS NAMED.

New Board Organizes by Electing Its Officers.

TWO OLD GUARDS DROPPED.

C. C. Card and W. H. Reed No Longer Connected With the Institution—Judge Baldwin Elected President.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Stark County Workhouse was held today, Tuesday, at that institution. Preliminary business was observed and the annual and final reports of retiring Superintendent Pontius were received and passed upon.

The board then proceeded upon its own recognition for the coming year by electing Hon. George E. Baldwin, president, and Mr. A. B. Love, of Alliance, secretary. The new board then proceeded to the appointment of the following guards and employees at the workhouse: Guards, Frank Milhoff, Captain; John Trump, George Jacobs, W. S. Rank, Night Watchman C. C. Card and Guard W. H. Reed were retired, and a former guard, Putt, was appointed night watchman; Andy Kintz, cook; C. A. Kreighbaum, engineer; Miss Ida Rice, housekeeper. Superintendent John Yarger, and Mrs. Yarger, with the appointment as matron, have taken possession of the workhouse while retiring Superintendent Pontius has removed to his home nearby.

The board of trustees are proceeding with the regular business during the afternoon.

John A. Logan's Death. Columbus Press-Post—Mail advices from Manila give detailed accounts of the death of Major John A. Logan, which conclusively prove false the report published here several weeks ago that he was the victim of a bullet from the ranks of his own men. It ought to be a pleasure to the whole American press to be able to relieve both the dead officer and his men of the liable this story placed upon them both.

Henry Litmer went to Wheeling on business.

PROSECUTOR R. H. DAY.

He Assumes the Duties of His Office and Files His Bond.

SUCCEEDS MR. POMERENE

Who Has Made a Successful and Capable County Official.

THE INFIRMARY DIRECTORS

Organize Tomorrow and a New Member Is Sworn Into Office.

HE HOLDS TWO POSITIONS.

Is a Justice of the Peace and Attorney Have Said to Him That He Need Not Give It Up When He Takes the New Place—Official Changes.

The new county officials whose terms of office began with the new year took up the active duties of their positions Tuesday. Prosecutor Pomerene closed his career as a public official Saturday and on Monday it became Prosecutor Day. Mr. Day came over from Massillon New Year's day and was sworn into office. The oath was administered by Clerk of Courts Thomas C. Casselman and Judge McCarty approved his bond. The bond of the new prosecutor is for \$3,000. It is signed by J. H. Hunt and David B. Day as securities. Prosecutor Day came to Canton Tuesday morning and took up his office in the room of the court house provided for the prosecutor. He stated that for the present he would not open any other office in this city. His family will remain in Massillon.

INFIRMARY DIRECTOR. Andrew Reese, the new infirmary director who succeeds Mr. Bixler, arrived Tuesday morning at the court house. He submitted a bond for \$5,000 signed by Johnson Grant, Ephraim Pickens, Henry Hoffman, B. O. Meese and Jacob Hildebrandt. The bond was approved by the directors and at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning the retiring member of the board, Mr. Bixler, who is a notary, swore in Mr. Reese to his new office. Squire Reese has been justice of the peace in Washington township for 20 years. He thought perhaps he would have to resign that office upon taking that of infirmary director but the prosecuting attorney and other lawyers told him it would not be necessary so he will continue to serve in both capacities. The infirmary board will hold its annual meeting Wednesday and reorganize.

RETIRING OFFICIALS. The retiring prosecutor, Atlee Pomerene, leaves the official position that he has so capably held, with the consciousness of a duty well done. He has been fearless in the discharge of such matters as came to his official notice and has given the full measure of time to the work. During his term of office some of the most important cases in the history of the county have been tried. Probably in the history of the office there has never been so much work to do as Prosecutor Pomerene has been called upon to perform. He has been tireless in the work and leaves the office with a clean record. He will hereafter give his exclusive attention to his own law practice. Henry Bixler, who retired as infirmary director, has been most energetic in the discharge of his duties. Not all of the duties of an infirmary director are pleasant, but Mr. Bixler has made a most successful official. He and the retiring prosecutor have the best wishes of many friends for continued success.

RAILROAD CHANGES

Some Promotions That Have Been Made By the Pennsylvania Company.

Several important changes of interest to local railroad men have been made among officials of the Pennsylvania lines to take effect with the new year. Following are some of the promotions and changes:

Frank Ray, formerly of Alliance, road foreman of engines of the P. Y. & A. division, has been appointed road foreman of engines for the eastern division of the P. F. W. & C., succeeding John W. Graham, who will take a passenger run between Pittsburgh and Crestline. T. L. Bailey, assistant road foreman of engines for the eastern division, will succeed Ray on the P. Y. & A. division. P. F. Smith, master mechanic of the Ft. Wayne, at Crestline, has been appointed master mechanic of the Chicago and Indianapolis division of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh with headquarters at Logansport, Ind. J. D. Harris, of Ft. Wayne, will succeed P. F. Smith as master mechanic of the eastern division. George M. Hunter, formerly of this place, has been made assistant to J. E. McFadden, supervisor of bridge construction.

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